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AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY

ACTIVE ALCOHOL

STATEMENT ACCORDING TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a sequence listing as part of the above-captioned patent application. Applicants' representative states that the content of the attached paper copy and the attached computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

Applicants' representative hereby verifies that the information on the accompanying diskette is identical to the sequence listing disclosed in the application. The enclosed sequence listing does not include any new matter that goes beyond the disclosure in the captioned application as filed.

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